

WEATHER REPORT
TULSA, March 21.—The temperature: Maximum, 79; minimum, 46; south wind and clear.
FORECAST — Oklahoma: Tuesday fair, continued warm; Wednesday fair cooler.

PROSPERITY TALK
There will be more conventions held in Tulsa during the coming summer months than in any other city in the southwest. More conventions were held in Tulsa last year than in any other Oklahoma city.

JOHN H. SIMMONS AND DR. REEDER NOMINATED FOR MAYOR

WAR DEPARTMENT ORDERS MORE MEN TO LEAVE FOR BORDER TO CATCH VILLA

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 21.—General Frederick Funston asked the war department today for more troops to be sent into Mexico only after long consideration of the advisability of continuing the operations against Francisco Villa with the forces now commanded by General Pershing. General Pershing yesterday suggested that another regiment be sent to him and today General Funston asked the department for what he characterized as an "adequate" force.

It was announced at General Funston's headquarters that the Fifth cavalry of which one squadron is at Fort Meyer, Va., another at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the third at Fort Sheridan, Wyo., would be brought to the border at once and sent forward along General Pershing's line of communication to Casas Grandes. Whether he had asked for more troops General Funston would not say.

The only reason given for strengthening General Pershing's force, known by the public generally to be considerably more than four thousand, was that his field of operations had become so extended that his main line of communication and the subsidiary lines were much weaker than they should be.

PRECAUTIONARY MOVE.

"Merely a precautionary move," was the way General Funston answered all suggestions as to his motives other than it was desired to strengthen the lines. He was asked if the reported movement of troops of the de facto government from garrisons in the interior to posts on the border, and the failure of the Carranza troops in one or two instances to show active co-operation in the pursuit of Villa, had anything to do with his decision to ask for more strength, but he declined to answer.

Some little uneasiness was displayed for a moment at his headquarters today when it was reported that the telegraph wires between Casas Grandes and the border had been cut, but an official report stating that the line cut was "a buzzer" line General Pershing had laid, and that it had been broken accidentally by some of the American forces crossing it, allayed apprehension.

VILLISTAS ARE NUMEROUS.

It is not believed here that General Funston is worried to any extent by reports of alleged growing antagonism among Carranza troops although he is carefully studying all reports, official and unofficial, on that phase of the situation. It has not been forgotten at his headquarters, however, that Villa has many more troops somewhere in northern Mexico than the few hundred said to be riding with him in his flight before the pursuing troops of the two countries. Realizing the mobile character of Villa's bands it was not considered wise to expose too much General Pershing's lines.

Lake Babicora, towards which one of his columns was reported yesterday to be moving, it almost two hundred miles from the border and by the time the columns directed towards Carmen and Nacaju arrive at their destinations they also will be almost as far south. South of Casas Grandes the cavalry detachments that are following the trails into the heart of the country where Villa is known to have some, are operating in a triangle of approximately three thousand square miles area.

May Take Entire Army

The chase for Villa has grown larger than even military men who had studied the situation carefully, believed it would. It has assumed the proportions of a campaign and it was pointed out that if it became necessary to extend the operations much more it might be necessary to move into the field almost all the remaining available forces of the regular army. That statement eliminates some twenty thousand men now in the southern department, the greater part on duty in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona along the Mexican border. General Funston explained today that he could not well spare any of those for the operations in Mexico because it was equally necessary to guard the frontier. Scores of demands for protection are being made at his headquarters by farmers and communities from towns along the Mexico-American border.

These petitioners have earnestly insisted that they feared raiders from across the boundary line, many of them offering what appeared to them as evidence that raids might be expected. It has been impossible in almost all cases to shift the forces in order to give them special protection, but General Funston does not care to remove the troops from their stations that are within reach of the more populous centers along the frontier.

Regiments in the U. S.

With the exception of four and one-third regiments of infantry, two regiments of cavalry and what amounts to about a regiment and a half of field artillery, all troops of the United States army are either already in the border territory and in Mexico or are on foreign service. This does not include the coast artillery corps or all engineer troops, signal corps companies and field hospitals and ambulance companies.

Regiments left in the United States, exclusive of those in the southern department and Mexico or on foreign tours, are:
Second cavalry, Fort Sheridan, Allen, Va.; Fifth cavalry, Fort Meyer, Va.; Third infantry, Madison barracks, N. Y.; and Fort Ontario, N. Y.; Fourteenth infantry, one battalion at Fort Lawton, Wash.; Twenty-first infantry, Vancouver barracks, Wash.; Twenty-fourth infantry, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Thirtieth infantry, Plattsburg barracks, N. Y.; Fifth field artillery with the exception of one battery, Fort Sill, Okla.; three batteries Third field artillery, Fort Meyer, Va.

Money for Funston.

General Funston was advised from Washington today that \$20,000 had been placed to his credit for the payment for the services of guides, scouts, interpreters and other civilians.

How American Troops Will Entrench If They Should Have to Besiege Villa in Some Stronghold of the Desert



ENTRENCHED U.S. INFANTRY

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Here is a squad of United States infantrymen entrenched in a sand dune, such as our boys will find in Mexico, while pursuing the bandit, Villa. If Villa decides to make a stand on the desert or in the mountains, the American soldiers may be compelled to entrench themselves and lie siege to the outlaw's stronghold.

ALL OF PARIS, TEX., IS PILE OF CINDERS

Damage is Estimated at \$2,000,000; at 9 o'clock Last Night.

FIRE UNCONTROLLED

Thirty Blocks of Buildings Lowered; No Lives Are Lost.

PARIS, March 21.—Fire which started in the warehouse of the Long Transportation company, in the southern part of the city and quickly spread to the Paris cotton compress, shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon, had done damage estimated at almost \$2,000,000 up to 9 o'clock tonight and was not under control at that time.

Thirty blocks of residences and business buildings lay in ruins tonight with the fire raging in another part of town. The flames made a clean sweep of the southern portion of the city, a burned path three and four blocks wide extended to the public square, where a large open space arrested the course of the fire temporarily.

On that square is situated the Merriek hotel, a four-story structure costing \$150,000. At 8 o'clock the building was doomed.

Palatial Residences Razed.
Palatial residences in the fashionable part of the city, smaller houses

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BIG FIRE LOSS IN DRUMRIGHT FIELDS

Damage May Reach Million Mark; Started From Burning Waste.

FIRE UNCONTROLLED

School Houses, Residences and Bunk Houses Are Lowered by Flames

FIRE starting from burning waste oil on the Producers Oil company Mary Gooden farm in section 16-17-7, swept over the greater part of four sections of the Cushing oil field last night and at midnight was still burning fiercely and was not under control.

Meager advices from the field last night indicated a damage of several hundred thousand dollars with good prospects of this figure climbing considerably higher before morning. Rigs, tanks, schoolhouses and bunk houses went before the blaze which was fanned by an extremely high wind.

Workmen from all parts of the field were busy last night fighting the flames but with little success and it was hard to tell at a late hour where the flames would be stopped.

Painted the Sky.
The flames swept through sections 10-3-2 and 11 in township 17-7 and was working south last night. The sky was lit up with flames last night which were visible for miles around.

A partial list of the damage last night is as follows: Cortez Oil company, 10 1,600-barrel tanks, seven rigs and one 55,000-barrel tank containing a little oil.
B. B. Jones lost seven rigs and all his flow tanks. The McMan company lost one rig and several flow tanks. The Prairie lost three rigs and one 55,000-barrel tank containing about two feet of B. S. The Kathleen Oil company also lost heavily but a detailed list could not be obtained last night. Other companies also lost some.

The flame swept every lease clean that it went over and included two schoolhouses in its destruction.

MARRIED MEN MUST FIGHT 'CAUSE KAISER IS PRESSING BATTLE.

LONDON, March 21 8:45 p. m.—"The German emperor won't wait and the war office cannot wait, or we might be able to consider and even concede some of your demands."
This was the gist of a brief reply given today by the Earl of Derby to a deputation of married men who had attested and who demanded the enrollment of every unmarried man before calling up the others. The deputation also urged the substitution of general military service as an alternative to the existing system. Lord Derby added: "No matter whether married or single, every man should be prepared to defend his country."

PROMINENT KANSAS OIL MAN SUCCUMBS

R. S. Litchfield Found Dead Dead in Bed at Home, Independence, Kan.

R. S. LITCHFIELD, prominent oil man, banker and politician in Kansas, was found dead in bed at his home in Independence, Kan., early last night by friends, who, alarmed at his nonappearance at a Republican convention, went to his home to investigate. But meager details were received in Tulsa last night.

His family was away on a visit and Mr. Litchfield was supposed to have left Monday night to attend the state Republican convention at Topeka, Kan. He failed to appear at the convention and it is supposed that an investigation was made which found his dead body in his bed.

The supposition is that he died some time Monday night from a sudden stroke of heart trouble. He was supposed to be in splendid health and was a vigorous and strong business man up to the time of his death.
R. S. Litchfield has been identified with the oil business in Kansas and Oklahoma for many years and was one of the best known and most prominent operators in the Mid-Continent field. In addition to his oil operations he was prominently identified with the banking interests of Kansas and Oklahoma.

He was one of the receivers for the Kansas Natural Gas company and his handling of the affairs of that institution brought much favorable comment. His sudden death will be grieved throughout the entire country in oil circles.
He leaves a wife and one son and daughter. Funeral arrangements will probably be made today.

Denizens Dressed in Flashy Kimonos Sit on Trunks and Smoke Cigarets While the Tenderloin District Burns

THE redlight district of Tulsa is interfered greatly with the work of the firemen.
Most of the buildings and shacks which are located between the Katy and Frisco tracks at Kenosha and Lansing streets are said to be owned by A. W. Watts. So far as can be learned there was no insurance on the buildings as they were constructed for the most part of lap board and tar paper. With the exception of a little concrete building known as McMillan's grocery every one of the houses were razed to the ground.

Several loads of stock and horses were burned in the barn where the fire started. The barn is said to be owned by a man named Crum but no one could be found who knew how the fire started.

Spread Rapidly.
The general alarm was sounded at shortly before 9 o'clock and within 15 minutes several pieces of fire fighting apparatus were in place and two streams of water playing on the flames. The buildings burned as if they had been constructed of tissue paper and seemed to feed on the streams of water.

No sooner would some small head-bulldozers be sent in to clear out and fell to the ground where they

DISPUTE OVER THE CONTESTS INTO THE NIGHT

Central Committee in Late Session in Effort to End Dispute.

MEETING MAY LAST THROUGHOUT NIGHT

Stevens, Muskogee, Cherokee, Creek and Kiowa Counties Doubtful.

BULLETIN.

SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.
OKLAHOMA CITY, March 21.—The Republican state committee at 10:30 o'clock tonight began final consideration of contesting delegations from the counties of Stevens, Muskogee, Cherokee, Creek and Kiowa, who escaped from the meeting of the committee tonight that some counties were represented by proxy by non-residents of such counties. The matter, left to a vote of the committee, was settled by allowing such proxies a vote in transacting business of the committee.
It will be late tonight before any of the contests are finally disposed of.

To Release Lincoln.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Department of justice officials have about decided that Ignatius T. Lincoln, the confessed German spy locked up in New York pending extradition to England on the charge of forgery possesses little information of use in prosecuting neutrality cases. His deportation probably will not be long delayed. Lincoln, who escaped from a deputy marshal soon after his original arrest, sent word to the department today he intended to break jail.

SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.
OKLAHOMA CITY, March 21.—The Republican state committee tonight is struggling with the position of setting contests from seven counties that have been filed in the McGraw-Harris fight for national committee from Oklahoma and it is possible that the matter will not be settled until the state convention meets tomorrow. It will be morning before the committee shall have finished with the contests and then they may not be able to come to any definite decision. Members of the state committee and a majority of the 554 delegates to the convention, besides hundreds of Republicans from over the state, packed the city today, and the attendance at the convention tomorrow will be the largest ever known at a Republican meeting. The fight between forces of J. J. McGraw of Ponca City and James A. Harris of Wagoner for national committee has been the most strenuous in the history of Republican politics in the state.

479 to Decide.
Harris supporters claim they have 555 delegates to the convention, while McGraw says he has 600. There are 556 delegates so that it will require 479 for choice.
Both candidates claim they have

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STRONG G. O. P. TICKET NAMED IN PRIMARIES

Total of 2,692 Votes Cast; Republicans Name a Splendid Man.

NARROW MARGINS IN SOME OF THE RACES

Downing Lost by a Few Votes; Craig Won by Majority of Seven.

Republican Ticket
Mayor—John H. Simmons.
Commissioner No. 1—A. L. Funk.
Commissioner No. 2—Charles S. Younkman.
Commissioner No. 3—A. W. Brink.
Commissioner No. 4—Arthur D. Walker.
Auditor—Frank Newkirk.
School treasurer—D. C. Rose.
Democratic Ticket
Mayor—Dr. C. L. Reeder.
Commissioner No. 1—W. T. Allen.
Commissioner No. 2—W. B. Craig.
Commissioner No. 3—Carl Gregg.
Commissioner No. 4—Allen A. Few.
Auditor—M. J. McNulty, Jr.
School treasurer—R. M. Purdy.

ALTHOUGH a surprisingly light vote was cast in yesterday's city primary, there were several unusual contests over the places on the two party tickets which resulted as above.

John H. Simmons and Dr. C. L. Reeder will head respectively the Republican and Democratic tickets in the city election of April 4, which promises to be one of the most interesting elections ever held in Tulsa. Doctor Reeder will face John H. Simmons, the Republican nominee, who represents the business interests of the city.

The result of the contests between Dr. S. DeZell Hawley and Simmons was a surprise to many who followed the election closely as it was reported late yesterday Hawley had a com-

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HARMONY PREVAILS AT G. O. P. MEETING

Elect Four Delegates at Large to the National Convention.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 21.—In a well-ordered manner bearing out all harmony predictions the Republican state convention today elected four delegates at large and four alternates to the national convention of the party, passed resolutions denouncing the Wilson administration and favoring national prohibition, national woman suffrage, adequate preparedness; praised the Republican state administration and adjourned without a wrangle after a little less than three hours deliberation.

The delegates elected are Charles F. Scott, Ida; W. V. Morgan, Hethelton; A. F. Williams, Columbus; and T. Davenport Smith, Hialeatha. Alternates include Mrs. Sidney Freese, Cottonwood Falls.

Critiques Mexican Policy.
The Republican state convention, in resolutions adopted here today, deplored "the vacillating and uncertain course of this country with Mexico and with the warring nations of this hemisphere," and urged "with all possible emphasis, that the affairs of the United States be so conducted as not to embroil the nation in the terrible conflict." The convention deplored the "diplomatic blunders in connection with Mexico," but approved of the "determination of our government to hunt down and punish the bandits who raised an undetested American town."

Other resolutions adopted declared against putting the United States into a "class of military nations" and favored "constitutional amendments providing for national prohibition and for national woman suffrage." These resolutions, while in no sense a tentative platform of the party in Kansas, were said to forecast in a general way the platform to be adopted by the party council, which is scheduled to meet after the August primary.